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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NEPALESE OFFICIAL REACTION TO CAMP DAVID

1. ON SEPTEMBER 25 WE SHOWED ICA VTR INCLUDING PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SADAT AND BEGIN AND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS ON CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS TO GROUP OF MFA OFFICIALS INCLUDING FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT. AFTERWARDS, WE ASKED BHATT FOR GON REACTION TO CAMP DAVID OUTCOME. AS HAD PALACE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, CHIRAN THAPA, DURING DISCUSSION WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 21, BHATT EXPRESSED WARM THOUGH GENERAL GON APPROVAL OF CAMP DAVID AS POTENTIALLY MAJOR STEP TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, HE SAID GON WOULD LOOK FOR OCCASION TO MAKE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CAMP DAVID.

2. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO ACCOMPANY PRIME MINISTER BISTA TO PEKING AND SAID THIS MIGHT COMPLICATE THE MAKING OF A STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT, SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ALSO ABSENT. WE SUGGESTED THAT NEPALESE SUPPORT FOR CAMP DAVID COULD BE EXPRESSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE AT THE
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UNGA AND BHATT UNDERTOOK TO LOOK AT THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. AT PEKING BANQUET IN HIS HONOR GIVEN BY TENG HSIAO-PING ON SEPT. 27 PRIME MINISTER BISTA INCLUDED IN HIS SPEECH A STATEMENT EXPRESSING GON SATISFACTION WITH THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. THE AMERICAN DESK OFFICER AT MFA CALLED THIS TO OUR ATTENTION AND SAID IT WAS THE

DIRECT RESULT OF THE VTR SESSION WITH BHATT.

4. WE COMMEND ICA FOR THE SPEED WITH WHICH IT SUPPLIED
THE VTR AND KEPT THE RELEVANT TEXTS ON CAMP DAVID
COMING VIA WIRELESS FILE AS FAST AS THEY WERE PRODUCED.
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